GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Haj Quota
Chudasama Shri Rajeshbhai Naranbhai

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States including Gujarat have demanded to increase Haj quota for their States and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to accommodate the demands of these States so that more pilgrims could be sent for Haj pilgrimage?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) Yes Madam. Requests have been received for increase in Haj quota from various States including Gujarat and Union Territories (UTs). For Haj 2017, the Haj quota of Gujarat has been increased from 7044 seats to 10,877 seats, Uttar Pradesh from 21828 seats to 29017 seats, Jammu & Kashmir from 6359 seats to 7960 seats, Kerala from 9943 seats to 11197 seats, Karnataka from 4477 seats to 5951 seats, Maharashtra from 7357 seats to 9780 seats, Rajasthan from 3525 seats 4686 seats, Telangana from 2532 seats to 3367 seats, West Bengal from 8905 seats to 9940 seats, etc.. The States/ UT wise distribution of quota for Haj 2016 and 2017 is at Annexure.

(b) As per the Annual Bilateral Agreement signed between India and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for Haj 2017, a quota of 1,70,025 pilgrims {1,25,025 seats for Haj Committee of India (HCoI) and 45,000 seats for Private Tour Operators(PTOs)} has been allocated as against the quota of 1,36,020 pilgrims (1,00,020 seats for HCoI and 36,000 seats for PTOs) during previous year. The HCoI distributes seats among the States/UTs in proportion to their Muslim population as per 2011 Census. If the number of Haj Applicants is less than the quota allotted to the State/UT concerned, such excess quota stands surrendered and is redistributed among the States/UTs having applicants in excess of their allocated quota.

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